

CUYAHOGA HEIGHTS SCHOOL  
HALL OF FAME  
First Induction October 19, 1991

**Ralph P Adams**  
Faculty and Administration  
1944-1975  
**Major Contributions**  
**To Cuyahoga Heights Schools**

Ralph's career at Cuyahoga Heights Schools spanned thirty-one years as a Teacher, Coach, Athletic Director, High School Principal, and Assistant Superintendent, retiring in 1975. He also served two years in the United States Navy during World War II.

His honesty, sincerity, integrity, and genuine concern for his fellow man has influenced the lives of many students and earned him the respect and admiration of all throughout the School District and Greater Cleveland. His dedication to education greatly contributed to the outstanding reputation of Cuyahoga Heights Schools.

After his retirement, his loyalty to Cuyahoga Heights was continued by being the driving force in establishing the Cuyahoga Heights Alumni Association.

**Dr. Austin W. Kibler**  
Class of 1947  
**Career Accomplishments**

Austin participated in sports, music, and drama while at Cuyahoga Heights Schools, graduating in 1947. He continued his education and received his Ph.D. in 1967. Working in Experimental Psychology, he entered the United States Air Force in 1953 as a Research Psychologist. His accomplishments include work in weightlessness, high altitude parachute testing, and safeguards on ballistic missiles; behavioral science research programs in the Office of the Secretary of Defense, the President's Nuclear Safety Oversight Committee, and scientific-representative to NATO, retiring as Colonel in 1975. He was then named Research Division Director for the CIA and served in that position until 1987. His numerous decorations include the Legion of Merit with one Oak Leaf Cluster.

**Dr. Gale R. Kramer**  
Class of 1959  
**Performing Arts/Cultural Contributions**

As one of America's greatest church organists, Gale Kramer has achieved both national recognition and international acclaim. He has performed in recital tours throughout Europe including those on historic instruments in France and eighteenth century cathedral organs of Spain. He has played with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra and is in demand as an oratorio accompanist.

As a specialist in French organ literature, Dr. Kramer translated several historic documents and articles about French organ music and is currently writing a 'guidebook to French Noels!' He writes and reviews for *The Diapason*, and has lectured on hymn improvisation.

A National Merit Scholar, Gale holds undergraduate degrees in French and Music, a Master's degree in organ performance and a Doctor of Musical Arts degree.

**Dr. Clifford T. Sarnacki**

Class of 1955

**Career Accomplishments**

A diplomat of the American Board of Urology, Clifford Sarnacki spent 29 years in the United States Air Force, retiring in 1985 with the rank of full Colonel. He was Chief of Urology and Chief of Surgery in hospitals in Germany, the Philippines and the United States. He received the (50) Air Force Commendation Medal, the Air Force Meritorious Service Medal and several Physicians Recognition Awards.

As the author of numerous medical publications, acclaimed lecturer and teacher, Dr. Sarnacki is now President of the Urologic Society, Chief of Urology and of Special Surgery and Professor of Urology to resident at several San Antonio hospitals. He has been Military Consultant to the Surgeon General of the United States since 1979

Clifford's education included a B.A. from Western Reserve University, M.D. from Ohio State Medical School and four years of post-graduate specialty education at the Cleveland Clinic.

**Phil "Flip" Saunders**

Class of 1973

**Athletic/Career Accomplishments**

Phil's distinguished basketball career started at Cuyahoga Heights. He was named All-Conference and the most valuable Player in the Cuyahoga Conference. He was Associated Press All-Ohio, Ohio Class "A" Player of the Year, and High School All-American. He holds the single season and career scoring records at Cuyahoga Heights.

While at the University of Minnesota, he was a four-year starter, named Academic All Big Ten, and was a Williams Scholar.

Phil's coaching career started at Golden Valley Lutheran College, guiding them to a Minnesota State Championship and being named Minnesota Coach of the Year. He served as an assistant coach at the University of Minnesota and at the University of Tulsa. He became Head Coach of the Rapid City Thrillers of the CBA (Continental Basketball Association), guiding them to a Western Division Championship in one year and being named CBA Coach of the Year. He became Head Coach for the La Crosse Catbirds of the CBA guiding them to a Central Division Championship and a CBA championship in two years. He recently has been named as the Catbird's team President and General Manager.

Phil has a B.S. in Business Administration at the University of Minnesota and he is pursuing a M.A. in Sports Management from the College of St. Thomas.